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ON PATENTABILITY  
(CHAPTER I OR CHAPTER II  
OF THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY)  
(PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 664869	<b>IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION</b>
International application No. PCT/JP2004/018729	International filing date (day/month/year) 15 December 2004 (15.12.2004)
Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. et al	

**1. Transmittal of the translation to the applicant.**

- The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I).
- The International Bureau transmits herewith a copy of the English translation of the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II).

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**3. Reminder regarding translation into (one of) the official language(s) of the elected Office(s).**

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**It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned within the applicable time limit (Rule 74.1). See Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide for further details.**

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**PATENT COOPERATION TREATY**  
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**  
(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 664869	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/JP2004/018729	International filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 15 December 2004 (15.12.2004)	Priority date ( <i>day/month/year</i> ) 16 December 2003 (16.12.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. IV   | Lack of unity of invention  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V    | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VI   | Certain documents cited   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VII  | Certain defects in the international application  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application   |

4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).

Date of issuance of this report	22 August 2006 (22.08.2006)
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# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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## WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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<p>1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px; border: none;"> <tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td>Box No. I</td><td>Basis of the opinion</td></tr> <tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td>Box No. II</td><td>Priority</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Box No. III</td><td>Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Box No. IV</td><td>Lack of unity of invention</td></tr> <tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td>Box No. V</td><td>Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Box No. VI</td><td>Certain documents cited</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Box No. VII</td><td>Certain defects in the international application</td></tr> <tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Box No. VIII</td><td>Certain observations on the international application</td></tr> </table> <p>2. <b>FURTHER ACTION</b></p> <p>If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.</p> <p>If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.</p> <p>For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.</p> <p>3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.</p>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. I	Basis of the opinion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. II	Priority	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VI	Certain documents cited	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application	<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application
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**Box No. I      Basis of this opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material
 

a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material
 

in written format  
 in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing
 

contained in the international application as filed.  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II      Priority

1.  The following document has not yet been furnished:

- copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).  
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2.  This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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<b>Box No. V</b> <b>Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</b>																			
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<p><b>2. Citations and explanations:</b></p> <p>Document 1: JP 2001-285103 A (Pioneer Electronic Corporation)      12 October 2001, paragraphs 0007-0043, Figs. 1-5      &amp; EP 1139564 A2      &amp; US 2003/0045254 A1</p>																			
<p>The inventions relating to claims 1-18 are described in document 1 cited in the ISR; therefore, they do not appear to be novel or involve an inventive step. Document 1 (paragraphs 0007-0041, figs. 1-5) describes a broadcasting receiver for reproducing and outputting a video signal and/or audio signal transmitted from a broadcasting station, wherein a range in which an error can be corrected and guard interval period are used to cause information such as other receivable broadcasting stations and radio attributes of such broadcasting stations to be stored in a memory table so that, when a receiving radio needs to be switched to other stations, extraction is performed from the memory table; and determination of other stations' radio attributes such that various information including a name, content, and genre of a program being broadcasted are determined. More specifically, it describes that, during the period when no input signal corresponding to the selected service is received, an input signal corresponding to the services other than the selected one is received, and supporting information, title information or service program information relating to video data are stored as zapping data so that when the service selection is changed, extraction is performed. Also, as the information of the broadcasting content including a video signal, using still image data contained in the video data, and using text data as a program name information would be obvious to a party skilled in the art.</p>																			